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SUBJECT: DRAFT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON JAMAICA

1. (LOU) BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS WEEK RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN JAMAICA. THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE HOUSE VERSION IS PROVIDED IN FULL BELOW. THE SENATE VERSION, WHICH IS TO BE INTRODUCED BY SENS. STONE AND LUGAR, IS ALMOST IDENTICAL WE ARE TOLD. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP OF FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THIS MATTER AND PROVIDE ANY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED.

2. (LOU) TEXT OF DRAFT HOUSE RESOLUTION:

MR. YATRON FOR HIMSELF, MR. IRELAND, MR. GILMAN, MR. GUYER AND MR. LAGOMARSINO SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WHICH WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS RESERVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING), WITH RESPECT TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA. BEGIN TEXT:

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA ACHIEVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND ESTABLISH THEIR CONSTITUTION ON AUGUST 6, 1962: AND

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PERIOD THEY HAVE SUPPORTED AND PROTECTED A DEMOCRATIC AND PLURALISTIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT PRESERVES INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS: AND

WHEREAS, THIS NATION OF DIVERSE RACES, CREEDS AND COLORS HAS MAINTAINED A TRADITION OF OPEN, FAIR AND FREE ELECTION AS A PEACEFUL METHOD TO SOLVE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES: AND

WHEREAS, THE NATION OF JAMAICA HAS BEEN A SHINING EXAMPLE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY TO OTHER NATIONS IN THE REGION, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD; THERE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING), THAT THE UNITED STATES - (1) EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA ON THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AUGUST 6, 1980; AND (2) ENCOURAGES THE DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ITS COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL CHANGE THROUGH THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; AND (3) EXTENDS ITS FULL RESPECT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE JAMAICAN INTERNAL POLITICAL PROCESS; AND (4) PLEDGES TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THIS HERITAGE FROM OUTSIDE INFLUENCE.
END TEXT. MUSKIE

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